

DATE: 04/15/2013  
TIME: 6:30 PM

THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS HELD A SPECIAL MEETING ON THE ABOVE-MENTIONED DATE FOR THE 2012 TAX EQUALIZATION

Commission President Forseth presiding

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Kaufman, Forseth, Kress and Tibert

COMMISSIONER(S) ABSENT: Sather

Commissioner Forseth called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

Merrill Meyer presented the 2013 Property Tax Exemptions for Commission approval:

Trail County Historical Society, 303 1<sup>st</sup> Ave NW, Garage, Museum  
Trail County Historical Society, Plummer House, Museum  
Trail County Historical Society, Ag Museum, Church, #1 School

Mr. Meyer indicated that several properties had existing exemptions:

Sanford Hillsboro, 2 expiring 2013  
Hillsboro Community Partnership, expiring 2013  
Hillsboro Senior Citizens, expiring 2013  
Hillsboro Manor Housing, expiring 2020  
Madson Windom LLP dba Subway, expiring 2013  
Oppegard Inc., expiring 2014  
Hillsboro Medical Center, expiring 2018  
LuVerne Paulsrud, as un-remarried, surviving spouse of a person confined to a wheelchair  
Arnold and Peggy Gilbertson, wheelchair confinement  
Mel and Judy Erdman. Wheelchair confinement

Commissioner Tibert moved to approve the 2013 Property Tax Exemptions. Commissioner Kress seconded. Commissioner Kaufman advised the Commission that he was the treasurer for the Trail County Historical Society. On roll call vote, the following Commissioners voted yes: Kaufman, Forseth, Tibert and Kress. None voted no. Commissioner Sather was absent and not voting. Motion carried.

Meyer's noted that the total changes made for the 2013 tax year increased \$1,706,343., which includes building permits, exemption expirations and other adjustments. Twenty four notices of increase were mailed.

The Meyer's indicated that Hillsboro's sales ration was at 94 to 94.5%, and should be between 95 and 100%. They questioned the valuation of the lots at Prairie View that

were sold prior to the city taking possession and whether the values should be lowered in consideration of the sales prices the city was asking. No changes will be made at this time.

Commissioner Tibert moved to accept the assessed values as presented. Commissioner Kaufman seconded. On roll call vote, the following Commissioners voted yes: Kress, Tibert, Forseth and Kaufman. None voted no. Commissioner Sather was absent and not voting. Motion carried.

The Meyer's advised the Commission that the County Tax Director will be proposing hiring and assessor for commercial properties in Traill County.

Commissioner Tibert moved to close the 2013 Tax Equalization meeting at 6:55 PM. Commissioner Kress seconded. Motion carried.

No further business.

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Lesley Connelly  
Auditor

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Mark Forseth  
President